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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES CLIMB TO AN ELEVEN-MONTH HIGH

NEW YORK, March 3--Following a moderate upturn the month before, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities climbed again in July to their highest level in eleven months, reports Dun & Bradstreet. July permit volume totalled $2,954,515,163, a sizeable 20.3 per cent more than the $2,455,281,668 total in June. Moreover, for the first time in three months, permit values exceeded their comparable year-ago level, as they were up 10.2 per cent from July 1979's level of $2,680,322,050.

Plans filed by builders in New York rose 13.7 per cent in July to $109,611,517 from $96,371,027 the month before, but, they were down almost seven per cent versus their $117,773,762 pace of a year earlier. Nonetheless, the individual borough of Manhattan did experience big gains in July.

Building permits in the 199 cities outside New York grew 20.6 per cent between June and July, to $2,844,903,646 from $2,358,910,641. One of these cities, Atlanta, saw permits jump sharply in July, to more than $100 million, from less than $20 million in June. Permits in the 199 cities also advanced eleven per cent in comparison with their July 1979 level of $2,562,548,288. Houston showed a huge increase in activity from both its month-ago period and year-ago period, as permits issued in the city exceeded $236 million in July--the highest in the nation. Some other cities also registered large month-to-month and year-to-year increases. Among them were Tulsa, Honolulu, Memphis, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Brockton (Massachusetts), Detroit, Cincinnati, and Hollywood (Florida).

During the first seven months of 1980, permit values in the 200 cities totalled $17,500,158,265, or 5.3 per cent more than the $16,624,135,993 during the like span in 1979. Of the twenty-five cities with the largest (seven-month) aggregate figures for 1980, fully seventeen of them posted gains over 1979. Of these seventeen, Philadelphia marked the largest percentage gain as permits there nearly tripled...to almost $415 million.

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2. JULY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September...		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first seven months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Seven Months 1980	%Change Seven Months 1979	
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1,289.7	-	8.2
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	1,164.7	+	28.1
3.	New York, New York.....	731.7	+	46.9
4.	Dallas, Texas.....	554.9	-	8.4
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	444.6	+	1.5
6.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	414.9	+	199.5
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	377.6	-	7.6
8.	San Francisco, California.....	348.1	+	83.0
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	330.4	+	22.7
10.	San Diego, California.....	325.3	-	0.1
11.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	306.8	-	3.0
12.	Austin, Texas.....	292.1	+	14.7
13.	Seattle, Washington.....	275.6	+	22.3
14.	Washington, D.C.....	252.7	+	43.9
15.	San Jose, California.....	224.3	-	13.6
16.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	221.3	+	93.4
17.	San Antonio, Texas.....	215.0	+	9.7
18.	Columbus, Ohio.....	204.1	+	7.4
19.	Baltimore, Maryland.....	200.2	+	130.6
20.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	195.9	+	28.7
21.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	194.3	+	3.0
22.	Detroit, Michigan.....	191.1	+	70.7
23.	Jacksonville, Florida.....	162.8	+	43.0
24.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	161.4	-	12.6
25.	Denver, Colorado.....	157.6	-	10.9

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JULY 1980	SEVEN MONTHS 1980	SEVEN MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	83,480,537	441,170,437	234,518,945
	BRONX	4,093,200	35,146,350	35,229,033
	BROOKLYN	9,019,753	117,232,903	93,784,270
	QUEENS	7,618,125	84,508,647	62,366,885
	RICHMOND	5,399,902	53,677,847	72,093,038
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	109,611,517	731,736,184	497,992,171
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	63,730,182	444,557,177	438,122,172
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	198,397,788	1,164,685,584	909,483,764
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	42,795,997	414,866,623	138,533,903
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	24,280,509	191,085,237	111,952,771
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	236,140,149	1,289,664,830	1,405,049,444
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	49,669,093	200,190,503	86,815,429
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	56,324,736	554,891,720	605,821,424
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	46,396,965	252,727,706	175,641,106
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	11,690,897	59,879,431	59,934,028
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	39,345,521	194,251,288	188,642,708
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	14,782,687	90,966,909	86,505,322
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	23,160,552	348,095,811	190,182,342
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	67,704,070	325,322,234	325,485,752
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	39,249,609	215,015,949	195,993,568
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	7,907,800	147,319,900	171,341,237
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	67,786,660	221,319,046	114,410,557
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	12,681,860	89,050,042	51,325,438
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	45,333,889	114,940,463	191,772,104
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	62,000,565	377,598,458	408,643,151
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	30,192,548	204,142,368	190,035,506
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	49,008,562	275,638,393	225,455,019
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	28,702,648	162,796,946	113,805,630
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	9,636,765	107,295,787	85,329,087
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	22,759,586	157,621,407	176,938,950
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	20,891,172	92,288,810	104,402,524
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	100,464,811	306,769,814	316,292,239
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	4,605,817	20,911,827	17,310,369
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	23,680,794	113,183,993	92,325,123
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	28,767,773	111,328,485	171,650,601
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	37,481,594	224,347,699	259,531,678
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	16,678,090	127,816,852	158,050,567
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	15,537,994	161,410,184	184,639,574
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	9,108,787	59,070,608	62,552,720
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	26,157,010	149,891,290	145,849,811
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	6,153,008	27,830,379	15,948,215
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	31,738,569	149,005,616	189,869,304
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,743,451	79,585,856	53,776,746
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	5,972,450	29,776,365	20,771,764
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	18,313,054	83,470,571	62,561,387
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,007,073	47,434,519	77,423,359
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	9,845,061	108,411,850	92,097,273
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	68,409,950	195,880,728	152,244,525
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	67,948,561	330,400,465	269,173,516
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	20,711,319	121,012,264	127,182,958
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	8,408,246	85,349,426	78,809,391
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,863,578	36,593,171	47,258,998
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	12,050,369	110,659,549	69,344,903
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	13,252,151	49,569,692	17,018,974
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	31,386,286	129,594,607	49,000,994
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	15,601,210	82,532,325	104,430,485
52.	AKRON, OHIO	12,907,660	39,070,830	24,946,947
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	18,228,852	80,179,785	123,558,838
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	625,945	33,702,555	10,316,486
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	20,377,162	91,367,581	174,587,938
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	33,632,500	292,108,715	254,696,141
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	2,091,471	65,692,794	27,332,572
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	24,126,707	129,630,805	176,986,746
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	2,517,549	36,499,704	55,724,045
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	29,327,042	115,014,966	79,028,802
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	6,475,260	59,639,517	53,123,203
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	12,814,607	112,941,825	106,695,365
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	588,275	11,965,092	8,464,898
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	14,035,193	47,215,686	62,841,671
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	5,986,585	66,655,904	26,139,614
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,349,924	10,544,852	36,960,314
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,174,445	23,444,907	31,161,712
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	3,850,478	91,565,283	53,264,731
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	11,301,524	54,657,000	70,875,913
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	421,899	2,468,421	4,652,553
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	675,250	13,022,025	17,133,435
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,247,021	86,229,198	40,442,968
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	475,765	14,236,248	9,250,961
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	11,186,295	54,181,122	89,232,682
75.	GARY, INDIANA	5,313,331	10,091,823	12,426,614
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	12,949,200	45,761,188	46,410,496
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,819,223	36,884,058	40,221,870
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	24,993,304	131,817,583	153,949,518
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	9,969,106	62,604,138	96,755,795
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	2,745,769	16,980,713	38,546,344
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	10,272,580	69,086,256	61,172,466
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	12,508,363	84,995,018	140,635,129
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	17,385,590	81,167,873	98,939,703
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	2,090,722	26,229,426	38,182,299
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	16,490,456	68,610,077	30,109,190
86.	SANTA ANAM CALIFORNIA	2,906,890	39,133,532	54,813,444
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	769,587	7,191,651	11,434,985
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	7,469,322	53,529,823	70,933,854
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	2,402,266	49,197,208	30,182,372
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	7,037,909	50,580,286	43,654,920
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	4,766,763	44,382,341	45,742,477
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	3,636,467	41,992,092	63,257,270
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	11,554,330	33,906,675	33,215,778
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,073,847	14,921,383	8,925,050
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	9,368,767	53,409,874	42,046,856
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	5,530,180	45,339,770	42,274,602
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	364,761	6,082,906	5,692,758
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,499,710	60,184,035	56,682,345
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,159,784	19,427,233	15,156,461
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,401,919	20,234,195	33,441,781
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	7,504,834	49,844,040	40,998,985
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,166,645	37,452,219	8,264,195
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	16,580,931	114,839,084	121,606,619
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	17,549,950	47,611,620	22,800,870
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	10,304,900	49,672,000	62,449,500
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	7,478,201	53,960,581	35,607,993
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,042,955	38,422,348	64,438,317
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	11,276,712	57,660,125	77,825,538
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,126,299	12,138,930	40,352,792
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	488,000	8,986,048	12,691,080
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	9,088,438	76,802,206	48,174,191
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	3,114,992	23,821,351	32,480,859
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	41,058,664	211,395,478	137,006,771
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	2,492,454	47,623,590	31,068,685
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	7,190,644	29,109,678	25,520,866
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	5,163,837	17,713,572	34,063,626
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	7,671,471	32,848,838	36,719,344
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	13,454,393	88,827,683	75,579,106
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,334,280	16,332,646	22,935,014
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,504,637	25,235,934	49,984,726
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	6,935,661	53,313,149	45,621,354
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,418,545	23,403,594	25,407,615
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,735,079	22,543,416	20,154,733
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAL	10,636,876	35,972,411	48,417,617
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	11,153,085	80,271,250	47,574,226
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	4,267,334	13,722,523	10,696,832
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	4,513,080	31,292,306	11,040,330
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	15,032,857	51,056,584	45,419,928
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	775,676	8,215,397	3,755,039
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	3,123,555	16,160,815	20,100,122
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,129,319	9,900,042	14,717,787
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	2,330,796	66,553,380	61,967,383
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	2,928,320	18,037,132	41,778,794
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	4,585,699	21,368,521	63,701,619
135.	CANTON, OHIO	5,618,341	28,873,013	22,172,089
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,068,394	19,001,609	11,660,340
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,729,135	30,177,459	124,347,353
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	9,185,632	72,735,460	76,334,339
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,466,266	17,788,103	8,038,144
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	990,871	8,072,925	25,893,817
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	6,447,990	70,368,724	95,472,937
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	19,832,879	85,200,653	59,396,746
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	304,105	4,564,403	4,078,561
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	4,817,026	41,480,847	42,514,065
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	9,400,949	21,619,951	72,470,656
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	677,916	10,691,618	4,918,769
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	428,350	2,062,193	2,448,246
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	4,982,005	19,232,762	32,528,156
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSSETTS	612,876	6,079,805	6,932,307
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	13,389,800	65,705,700	119,881,900
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,792,712	28,969,775	14,944,296
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,928,534	52,496,293	21,697,121
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,086,900	10,781,555	19,074,450
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,693,890	24,201,183	19,348,818
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	6,631,999	96,039,682	43,122,429
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	3,060,821	15,927,941	56,465,722
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,971,014	30,753,148	84,195,660
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,772,994	8,725,093	25,134,867
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	21,549,323	108,275,760	54,741,514
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	599,765	3,464,851	2,248,139
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	5,130,170	27,799,578	33,056,863
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	10,513,015	57,325,887	66,133,271
163.	WACO, TEXAS	3,324,398	42,684,405	58,595,915
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	1,490,023	17,224,536	12,946,759
165.	OWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	568,894	21,493,865	16,781,200
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	6,024,085	50,463,422	49,814,818
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	13,210,252	57,449,608	43,144,724
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	2,617,449	15,181,346	16,950,723
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,396,765	21,014,392	7,544,375
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	287,670	4,292,520	4,386,290
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,508,965	15,510,368	41,394,849
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	1,679,260	7,295,263	5,658,888
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,440,267	8,288,077	7,351,404
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	32,549,252	146,217,355	180,452,197
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,673,589	13,610,946	19,591,327
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	684,155	3,748,825	6,992,896
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	560,279	20,335,298	13,353,473
178.	ABILENE, VIRGINIA	4,380,130	35,891,037	38,517,498
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	6,295,132	48,049,239	51,484,257
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,779,984	21,178,509	44,761,293
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	38,886,389	42,725,920	10,785,441
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,402,707	39,171,374	41,770,446
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	375,435	4,133,021	2,516,221
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	2,164,765	13,322,081	15,476,718
185.	SNATA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	10,712,614	62,348,309	61,850,471
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	328,800	2,915,916	2,902,200
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	4,751,935	19,703,206	6,222,584
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,035,058	15,067,727	42,122,911
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,957,302	15,770,373	23,239,888
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	9,060,519	41,848,183	58,603,076
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,001,490	5,990,677	5,535,450
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	1,831,693	38,378,109	54,842,215
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	8,826,725	90,319,571	28,582,709
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	561,506	7,475,944	10,650,004
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,369,550	5,371,176	17,747,175
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	999,548	15,186,849	27,107,114
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	1,409,852	16,886,627	4,873,443
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,454,897	24,188,835	16,605,047
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	508,000	4,078,580	6,229,280
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	578,060	49,259,401	40,226,188
TOTALS:	200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,954,515,163	17,500,158,265	16,624,135,993

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